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Attn: Ms. Bonita Lavelle

Subject: OU3 RI/FS of the Libby Asbestos Site
Monthly Progress Report – February 2008

Dear Bonnie:

This progress report describes work completed for the month of February 2008, in accordance with Section IX of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study dated September 2007. A discussion of the actions taken, sampling results, planned activities, modifications, problems encountered, potential issues, anticipated delays, and solutions developed is provided below.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of February.

- Performed research and review of site information to be used in support of RI/FS activities, including OU3 groundwater well rehabilitation, Phase IIA sampling and preliminary development of the OU3 conceptual site model;
- Hosted the Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG) meeting in Salt Lake City on February 28. BTAG meeting attendees included representatives of EPA Region 8, Montana DEQ, Syracuse Research Corporation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Remedium Group, and MWH. Topics of discussion included the draft Problem Formulation for Ecological Risk Assessment at Operable Unit 3, preliminary analytical results from the Phase I sampling program, and the proposed scope of work to be performed in 2008 and in subsequent phases of the OU3 RI;
- Reviewed and prepared comments on the draft *OU3 Phase IIA Sampling and Analysis Plan*.

B. SAMPLING RESULTS

All analytical results for mine waste, soils, sediment and surface water samples collected during Phase I (collected from October 2 through October 22, 2007) have been issued by the laboratories. It is our understanding these data are being validated and entered into the OU3 database by SRC and NewFields. Results for Libby Amphibole analysis for some of the tree bark and forest floor litter/duff samples have been received.

C. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months.

- Review and comment on the draft Problem Formulation for Ecological Risk Assessment at Operable Unit 3 (due to EPA by March 17, 2008);
- Provide comments on the draft *OU3 Phase IIA Sampling and Analysis Plan* (due to EPA by March 7, 2008);
- Preparation and mobilization for Phase IIA field activities.

D. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

None.

If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please call Bob Marriam at (901) 820-2023.

Sincerely,



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